



# SWARC NEWS

## *Meeting Notes*

### SWARC 7 OCT MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Mike Gaither, K4MWG; we started late because we cleaned out the radio room after eating. This was in preparation for interior work to be done soon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bernie, N4BAJ.

Christine Fernandini, KJ4AEO, gave a treasurer's report stating that we have \$2,431.14 in the bank account as of the meeting.

The radio room was discussed at length and the following actions are planned very soon: ceiling will be installed this weekend, 12 Oct, and walls will be prepped for painting. There was considerable discussion on wall and floor colors. Richard, K7RLH, will do the taping and mudding on the ceiling in preparation for painting. It was noted that AL Post 116 had completed the roofing repairs.

Vice-president Brian Knox, KK4BK, gave several updates on topics of interest. He reminded us that several people are selling raffle tickets and he also spoke

about the SWARC swapfest to be held at the Golden Corral (normal breakfast location) on 19 October. Christine, KJ4AEO, move that the club donate \$100.00 for the coffee and donuts for the swapfest; motion was seconded and passed.

Brian stated that we operated in the 5A category during the Field Day in June. He noted that we made lots of contacts on multiple frequency bands. And, finally, he reviewed the radio equipment available to be installed in the completed radio room. In addition, one of our newer members donated some equipment to President Mike.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

73,

Richard Hall – K7RLH

Secretary

## **NET Report**

***Please we ask that all net reports be sent to Joe at***

***[draftin\\_driver3226@yahoo.com](mailto:draftin_driver3226@yahoo.com)***

***Joe did comment that only one or two net controls were turning in the net reports. Please send your reports to Joe.***

***Joe, KM4YTF is on the lookout for new net control operators. If interested please contact Joe, KM4YTF.***

## **MEMBERSHIP**

***Just a reminder that it is time to pay membership dues for the 2019-2020 time frame.***

***\$30 for individual and \$5 for each family member.***

***You can bring a check or cash to the meeting Monday October 7th or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will let me know she has received them so I can update the list. If you mail them, give me a heads up so I can mark it as pending on the roster.***

***Makes checks payable to South Wake ARC.***

***If you are going to mail it, send it to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 – Fuquay Varina, NC 27526***

***I have taken over as Membership Director from Ryan, so please direct any questions to me.***

***I will be developing an online form so new members can fill out the application online and mail or bring a check to a meeting.***

***I will be reaching out to all members here soon to make sure I have the latest contact information, addresses, etc so I can make sure the membership list reflects current information.***

**Thanks**

**David Sosnin**

**N4TTN**

**[n4ttn.radio@gmail.com](mailto:n4ttn.radio@gmail.com)**

***David has updated the membership list and sent it out. Please check the list and make sure you are on it. If you do not see your name then you***

***have a couple of options: 1) Pay your dues and get back on the list 2) If you have paid then fuss at David 3) David forgets that everyone is not as social as he is so if you did not receive a copy then send David an email at [n4ttn.radio@gmail.com](mailto:n4ttn.radio@gmail.com) and request a copy.***

## **Public Service**

***Check the RARS web site often for Public Service opportunities.***

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## **Appointed Positions**

### **President**

Mike Gaither – K4MWG

### **Vice President**

Brian Knox – KK4BK

### **Secretary**

Rich Hall, K7RLH

### **Treasurer**

Christy Fernandini - KJ4AEO

### **Member-At-Large**

Al Crawford – WA4TCJ

### **Member-At-Large**

Charles Bruckner – KG4MXV

### **Member-At-Large**

Dan Gilbertson

### **Membership Chair**

David Sossin – N4TTN

### **NET MANAGER**

Joe - KM4YTF

### **Special Events Director**

Gino Fernandini – KI4YXO

### **Public Service Director**

David Krum – NW3U

## **SWARC Mission Statement**

***South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.***

**LINKS** (if you have other links you want added then send them to me)

### ***PRN***

***A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network***

[www.ncprn.net](http://www.ncprn.net)

### ***GigaParts***

[www.gigaparts.com](http://www.gigaparts.com)

### ***QRZ***

[www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com)

***Ham Radio Outlet HRO***

[www.hamradio.com](http://www.hamradio.com)

***Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS***

[www.rars.org](http://www.rars.org)

***Johnson Amateur Radio Society JARS***

[www.jars..net](http://www.jars..net)

***South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC***

[www.southwakearc.com](http://www.southwakearc.com)

Greetings to all 145.210 SWARC repeater members.

I have made the decision to temporarily allow the Central Carolina Sky Warn net and the STATE EOC to move their operations to the 145.210 repeater. Some explanation is in order to all SWARC members and I will attempt to outline the circumstances that have brought me to my current Decision.

For a very very long time the 146.880 repeater located on the same tower as is the 145.210 repeater has been the flagship 2 meter repeater as to providing operations for Central Carolina Skywarn, communications for the office of State Emergency Management, and other public service events and nets as needed. Central Carolina Skywarn is tasked with getting live spotter reports and other time valued information from trained spotters in all these counties when called upon by the National Weather Service. Sky Warn is only activated by direct request from the National Weather Service.

The State EOC uses Winlink for some communications between the Eastern, Central, and Western branch offices during emergencies. They also use the 146.880 repeater for voice communications between the Central and

Eastern

branch office in Kinston NC during emergencies.

The main 146.880 repeater on the tall Auburn tower has failed and we have been operating on a backup repeater on a 350 foot tower near Garner NC. We are fortunate to have been allowed to utilize this site to keep a repeater on the air on 146.880. Unfortunately, the current footprint of the backup repeater is extremely limited, especially to the East of Raleigh. IE, it is not useable at all even in the Wilson area let alone Rocky Mt., Greenville, Goldsboro, and other key areas that both SkyWarn and the State EOC have a need to communicate with.

There is lots and lots of work going on at the Auburn tall towers sites currently as to the new DTV channel and equipment changes. This work has been going on for 3 or 4 months now and will continue to go on until Probably early or late December of 2019. We are guests on the tower and do not and will not be in the way of all the work that is currently going on at the sites. So, it will probably be early in 2020 before the main 146.880 equipment can be replaced.

The K4ITL 145.210 repeater is the only 2-meter repeater left in the local area that can satisfy the needs of Central Carolina SkyWarn and the State EOC. In my opinion, the right thing to do in this situation is to SHARE our resource with those who need it. I am extremely grateful to the South Wake Amateur Radio Club for their support of the 145.210 repeater and I consider them as the primary user of this repeater.

Here's the way I wish operations to be carried out until we can get the primary 146.880 repeater back on the air.

There is no reason why both the nightly net and the trader's net can't be carried out on the repeater as they always have been. If SkyWarn happens to be activated when it's time for a net, unless there is emergency traffic in progress, the net goes on as usual with an occasional standby to ask if there is any SkyWarn traffic.

If SkyWarn is activated at other times, during the day or evening, there is still no problem with normal conversations being carried on the 145.210 repeater by SWARC members and others who use the repeater. Just take a pause now and then to see if there is any SkyWarn Traffic.

I hope everyone will be okay with these changes, in the spirit of public service and public safety, it's good for us to be of help when we can.

If anyone wants to discuss this issue or has any other questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me at:

[dannyhampton@fastmail.com](mailto:dannyhampton@fastmail.com)

If the NWS requests that SkyWarn activates tomorrow morning or later in the day tomorrow, They will activate on the 145.210 repeater.

Thanks to one and all for your continued support and assistance in making this work smoothly.

Cordially,  
Danny Hampton

K4ITL



Hello SWARCers,

First of all, Happy Thursday!

The picture of this lost knife that was found in the New Ham Shack this month. I had asked those who were present while cleaning out the shack, but no takers. I know it isn't a knife of much value but never the less the person who lost it might have a different opinion.

Hope all is well and looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday at the Tail Gate trade and sell!

Bernie  
N4BAJ



COME ONE COME ALL

JOIN US ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2019

FROM 7 AM UNTIL NOON

FOR THE ANNUAL SWARC TAIL GATING

SPECIAL

THE COST OF THIS FANTASTIC EVENT IS

STAGGERING

IT WILL COST NOTHING TO SET UP AND

THERE IS NO ENTERANCE FEE

SO THE WHOLE EVENT IS FREE

ALL WE ASK IS A DONATION FOR THE

COFFEE AND DONUTS

SO GET YOUR QUALITY USED GEAR OUT

AND IN THE TRUNK OR BACK OF THE TRUCK

PUT IT ON DISPLAY AT THE TAIL GATE

PARTY AND MAKE SOME COIN

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE





